

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on April 28, 2009 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
John Maycock, Clerk
Susan O'Brien

Members Absent: Eric Hart, Vice Chairperson
Gary McLeod
Bette Botticello, Alternate
Michael Rell, Alternate
Mark Raymond, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Maycock read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on April 17, 2009.

APPLICATION NO. 3680-09. Daniel and Leigh Moran seeking to construct a 14' x 15' single story addition and a 9' x 15' deck at 104 Church Street.

Daniel Moran of 104 Church Street appeared before the Commission. Mr. Moran stated that the addition will include a full concrete basement. The siding will match that on the existing house. The gutters will also match the existing. The windows for the addition will be wood 1/1 and the windows for the new basement will be 4' x 2' standard basement window. The addition will have two (2) 15 light wood French doors and the door for the basement will be a standard wood door.

Mr. Moran states that the deck will be made of Trex material in the color River Rock. It will have a standard wood railing, a toe kick, and square ballisters. The deck will have six (6) steps with a measurement of 3' x 6'.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3681-09. Matthew Gove seeking to construct a 36' x 15' single story addition at 70 Main Street.

Matthew Gove of 70 Main Street and Donald Gove of 82 Longvue Drive appeared before the Commission. Mr. Matthew Gove stated that the addition will connect the existing house to the garage. He also stated that they will be changing the roofline of the garage to match the house and the addition. The new roofing will be Timberline asphalt in a pre-approved color. The gutters will be standard gutters to match the existing. The siding to be used will be a double 4" vinyl siding in the color Savannah Wicker and will be trimmed in white. The new windows will be Windsor double hung, aluminum clad windows with a 6/6 light pattern. Mr. Gove stated that there will be three (3) black

lantern style recessed lights. The steps to the addition will be pressure treated wood and have a wood railing, toe kick, and square ballisters. Mr. Gove stated to the commission that he would also be installing two (2) Solar Tube natural lighting with a 6" exposure on the roof.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application.

In written correspondence dated April 13, 2009, Louise Gordona of 76 Main Street spoke in favor of the application.

In written correspondence dated April 20, 2009, Chris and Patty Carroll of 34 Chesterfield Road spoke in favor of the application.

In written correspondence dated April 21, 2009, Maurice and June Moore of 62 Main Street spoke in favor of the application.

In written correspondence dated April 28, 2009, Laura DeMoncada of 11 Oldham Road spoke in favor of the application.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3682-09. Billye Logan seeking to replace the existing wood fence with a 5' wood fence at 318 Hartford Avenue.

Billye Logan of 318 Hartford Avenue appeared before the Commission. Ms. Logan stated that the fence will be a 5' board on board fence with a flat top and with no cap.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3683-09. James Pettit seeking to 1) replace the existing kitchen window; 2) add new windows in rear and attic; 3) remove front porch enclosure and add handrails, railing and lattice, 4) remove asbestos and asphalt siding; 5) install lighting and 6) install shutters at 44 Nott Street.

James Pettit of 36 Spencer Street, Winsted, CT appeared before the commission. Mr. Pettit stated that he will be installing three (3) lantern style lights. The steps on the front of the house will be wood and have a colonial style wood railing with a toe kick. Mr. Pettit agreed to change the plastic lattice to wood per request of the Commission. The replacement windows will all be Andersen vinyl to match the existing and the shutters will be New York style. The louver window will be approximately 2' x 3' in size.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application.

Billye Logan of 318 Hartford Avenue spoke in favor of the application.

In written correspondence dated April 17, 2009, Ann Mayo of 38 Nott Street sent in written correspondence spoke in favor of the application.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3673-09. Anastas Premto seeking to install replacement windows at 71 Northbrick Lane. (Tabled from the April 14, 2009 meeting. The last date to act is May 12, 2009).

Anastas Premto of 71 Northbrick Lane appeared before the Commission. The Commissioners all stated that they had had an opportunity to look at the house in the application. Commissioner O'Brien asked if Mr. Premto would consider using aluminum clad wood windows. Mr. Premto stated that those windows were not in his budget.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner O'Brien, and seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing and open the public meeting on all applications.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, O'Brien

APPLICATION NO. 3680-09. Daniel and Leigh Moran seeking to construct a 14' x 15' single story addition and a 9' x 15' deck at 104 Church Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

The Commissioners were impressed with the applicant's sensitivity to the historic nature of the structure in the materials selected for the project.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, O'Brien

APPLICATION NO. 3681-09. Matthew Gove seeking to construct a 36' x 15' single story addition at 70 Main Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner O'Brien thought it was an excellent application and felt that the changes will be an improvement to the property. She also stated that the applicant shows concern for maintaining the District.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, O'Brien

APPLICATION NO. 3682-09. Billye Logan seeking to replace the existing wood fence with a 5' wood fence at 318 Hartford Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, O'Brien

APPLICATION NO. 3683-09. James Pettit seeking to 1) replace the existing kitchen window; 2) add new windows in rear and attic; 3) remove front porch enclosure and add handrails, railing and lattice, 4) remove asbestos and asphalt siding; 5) install lighting and 6) install shutters at 44 Nott Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulations:

- 1) The lattice shall be wood.
- 2) The rear door shall be a wood 6 panel door with two (2) lights.

- 3) The kitchen window shall be Andersen vinyl.
- 4) There shall be a standard wood rail with square baluster.
- 5) The two (2) new windows shall match the existing windows.
- 6) The three (3) lantern lights shall be located at the front and back doors and at the driveway side of the structure.
- 7) The vent above the kitchen shall be a Brosco louver.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that the application would have a minimal impact on the district.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, O'Brien

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Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner O'Brien stated that she does not agree with the approval of vinyl replacement windows and feels that it changes the nature of the house. Commissioner Garrey stated that he is not generally in favor of approving vinyl replacement windows; however, he stated that in this specific circumstance it would be low impact on the District based solely on the location of the property and the aesthetics of the neighboring houses. Commissioner Maycock agreed that it would not be an issue because of the location of the property and feels that vinyl replacement windows are appropriate in specific circumstances.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock,

Nay: O'Brien

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: April 14, 2009

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commission O'Brien and a poll of the Commission the minutes of the April 14, 2009 meeting were approved without objection.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, O'Brien

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

None.

Correspondence

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to go into Executive Session at 9:05 PM to discuss pending litigation.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, O'Brien

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey and seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to exit Executive Session at 9:15 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, O'Brien

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, O'Brien

Respectfully Submitted
TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock
Clerk